

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method of enhancing the ability of a cell to degrade a particle comprising introducing into said cell a nucleic acid sequence encoding an Fc receptor comprising an L-T-L sequence in a cytoplasmic domain thereof, said introduction being effected under conditions such that said nucleic acid sequence is expressed and said enhancement is thereby effected,

wherein said Fc receptor comprises a Fc γ RIIA cytoplasmic domain modified to comprise at least 1 additional L-T-L peptide.

5. (Cancel).

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein said cell naturally expresses Fc γ RIIA.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein said cell does not naturally express Fc γ RIIA.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein said cell is an endothelial cell, a fibroblast, a macrophage or an epithelial cell.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein said particle is a bacterium.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein said nucleic acid sequence is introduced into said cell in a liposome, a bacterium or a viral vector.

11-25 (Cancelled).